

**TABLE 2 - WHITE-TAILED DEER
WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING CRITERIA - QUALITY OF HABITAT ELEMENTS**

Wildlife Species	Habitat Element	Plant Species Available	Management	Component Score ¹	Applicable Score ²		Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet ³
					Existing	Planned	
White-Tailed Deer (Statewide)	Grain and Seed Crops	A - Winter Wheat, Winter Rye or Buckwheat	A-1 Receives normal agronomic treatments. Crop residues remaining on soil during winter. (Buckwheat)	A-1	2		328
			A-2 Crop residues not remaining on soil during winter.	A-2	0		329
		B - Oats, Corn, or other.	B-1 Receives normal agronomic treatments. Crop residues remaining on soil during winter or cover crop planted.	B-1	1		330
			B-2 Crop residues not remaining and no cover crop.	B-2	0		340
			-	C	0		344
		C - No grain or seed crops.					590
	Domestic Grasses and Legumes	A - Bluegrass, Orchard Grass, Alfalfa, Sweetclover, Ladino, Alsike, various red or white clovers.	A-1 Receives normal agronomic treatments and used as hayland.	A-1	4		342
			A-2 Receives normal agronomic treatments and used as pasture with proper management.	A-2	3		382
			A-3 Receives normal agronomic treatments and used as pasture but improperly managed.	A-3	2		386
		B - Birdsfoot Trefoil, Red-Top, Timothy, Tall Fescue, Red Fescue or Smooth Brome.	B-1 Receives normal agronomic treatment and properly managed.	B-1	2		390
			B-2 Receives normal agronomic treatment but improperly managed.	B-2	1		472
			C-1 Occur in established pure stands in field(s) adjacent to cool season species and are managed by haying between July 15 and September 1.				511
		C - In addition to species listed in "A" or "B", at least 10% of this element consists of warm season grasses including one or more of the following: Switchgrass, Big or Little Bluestem, Indiangrass or Eastern Gammagrass.	OR				512
			Is managed under an approved prescribed burning plan.	C-1	5		528A
							590
							Cool Season Grass Job Sheet
							Warm Season Grass Job Sheet

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White-Tailed Deer (Continued)	Domestic Grasses and Legumes (Continued)		C-2 Occur in established pure stands in field(s) adjacent to the cool season species listed in "A" or "B"; and is part of a managed rotational grazing system where stand height is maintained at a minimum of 6". All livestock is removed thirty days prior to the first killing frost.	C-2	4		
			C-3 Occur as in "C-1" and used as hayland except management is different.	C-3	3		
			C-4 As in "C-2" and used as pasture except management is different.	C-4	2		
		D - No domestic grasses and legumes.	-	D	0		
	Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants	A - Wide variety of herbaceous plants (i.e. Dandelion, Yellow Rocket, Wild Strawberry, Plantain, Knotweeds, Mustards, Sedges, Jewelweed, etc.)	A-1 Strip mowed annually or mowed every two years in mid-summer.	A-1	3		314 511 590 647 Fallow Disking Job Sheet
			A-2 Not mowed at all or mowed less frequently.	A-2	2		
		B - Dominated heavily by only a few species (i.e. Goldenrod, Ragweed or Spirea).	B-1 Mowed at least once every three years.	B-1	1		
			B-2 Not mowed at all and will or is succeeding to woody species.	B-2	0		
		C - No wild herbaceous upland plants.	-	C	0		
	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs	A - Forest Condition-Woodland main stand consists of Maples, Oaks, Cherry, Ash, Aspen, Apple, Birches or Basswood. Understory vegetation is abundant and consists of Viburnums, Striped Maple, Serviceberry, Dogwoods, and tree seedlings, suckers or stump sprouts.	A-1 Timber is or will be harvested in blocks of less than 30 acres by the clear-cut method; stand density has been or will be reduced to favor valuable timber species of good form and health. (<i>Note: If "A" or "A" plus "D" comprise the majority of this habitat element the score of 4 shall be used</i>).	A-1	4		314 382 391 472 490 655 666 Cut-back Border Job Sheet
			A-2 As in "A-1" except clear-cut method will NOT be used.	A-2	3		

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White-Tailed Deer (Continued)	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs (Continued)	B - Forest Condition-Woodland main stand is same as above. Understory vegetation is scarce or consists largely of Mountain Laurel, ferns, Witch Hazel, Spicebush or Blueberry.	B-1 Timber is not harvested in a timely manner; stands are overstocked resulting in a closed canopy.	B-1	2						
			B-2 Woodland is subject to grazing and browsing by domestic livestock.	B-2	0						
		C - Forest Condition-Woodland main stand consists of Hickory, Black Locust, Speckled Alder, Eastern Hophornbeam, American Hornbeam, Elm, Beech, Willow or Cottonwood.	C-1 Understory shrubs are as in "A" above.	C-1	3						
			C-2 Understory shrubs are as in "B" above.	C-2	1						
		D - At least 30% of woodland component consists of shrub thicket or early successional forest. Dominant species include: Apple, Hawthorne, Sumac, Viburnums, Dogwood, Elderberry, Blackberry, Blueberry, Hazelnut, Maple, Aspen, and Greenbrier.	D-1 Maintenance cutting is conducted to remove sapling and pole size trees (except apple).	D-1	4						
			D-2 No maintenance cutting.	D-2	2						
			Coniferous Trees and Shrubs	A - Conifer stand consist primarily of one or more of the following: White Pine, Scotch Pine, Virginia Pine, Hemlock, Spruces or Red Cedar.	A-1 Stand is primarily pole or sapling stages and is maintained.	A-1	2				314
					A-2 Mature stands will be or have been harvested in a manner to perpetuate conifers.	A-2	1				380
A-3 Stand is at maturity and will be retained.	A-3					1			386		
B - Conifer stand(s) consist of Red Pine, Larch or other species; OR no conifers present.	-			B	0			490			
								612			
								666			
TABLE 2 TOTAL SCORE											

ELEMENT QUALITY RATING KEY

Total Score is: 4 - 6 = **Poor**
 7 - 9 = **Fair**
 10 - 13 = **Good**
 14 - 16 = **Excellent**

¹ Component Score - This is the value of the Habitat Element with certain species composition and under a certain management.

² Applicable Score - To determine the proper rating, use the "highest" component score for the line entry which applies most closely or where all conditions have been met. Only one component score may be used per habitat element.

³ Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) - These are a few relevant practice codes in Section IV of the FOTG or additional references that could potentially be utilized to achieve management objectives for the particular habitat element.